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MAKING A NANOTUBE POLYMER COMPOSITE

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM  
ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Supplemental to the Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) filed on March 25, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the PTA indicated on the above-identified patent. Applicants disagree with the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment made by the PTO under 35 USC § 154(b). In the Issue Notification, the PTO indicated that the Patent Term Adjustment was 494 days. The PTO's determination is believed to be incorrect because Patent Term Adjustment should be 854 days instead of 494 days. Applicants' calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment is attached as Exhibit 1.

The PTO's Determination of the Patent Term Adjustment is believed to be incorrect because the PTO is not using the actual filing date (commencement date) to determine the starting point of the three years, which in this case is the date the national stage commenced

under 35 USC 371(b). In Federal Register Volume 65 56383 Column 3, the PTO stated its position that:

‘the legislative history of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) indicates that the phrase “actual filing date of the application in the United States” as used in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) means the date the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. 371(b) or (f) in the case of an international application.”

No express request was made by the applicant to commence the national stage of processing prior to the 35 USC 371(b) date and the application was not in order for such purpose and the applicable requirements of subsection (c) of this section had not been complied with on the 35 USC 371(b) date, so 371 USC(f) does not impact the commencement date.

Accordingly, the commencement date, under 35 USC 371(b) or (f) is **June 9, 2005**.

PTA should accordingly start to accrue under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) three years from June 9, 2005, on June 9, 2008. The number of days beginning on June 9, 2008 and ending on the date the patent granted (March 9, 2010) is 638 days.

There was an additional 310 days of non-overlapping 1.703(a) USPTO delay. Thus, the total 1.703(a) and (b) USPTO delay is 948 days (i.e.,  $638 + 310 = 948$ ).

Of these 948 days of 1.703(a) and (b) USPTO delay, 64 days of delay overlap. Subtracting the overlap days from total USPTO delay days provides a total non-overlapping USPTO delay of 884 days (i.e.,  $948 - 64 = 884$ ).

Applicants do not dispute the 30 days of delay due to Applicants’ filing of a response on June 8, 2009, to non-final office action dated February 9, 2009.

Therefore, the final Patent Term Adjustment to date should be **854** days (i.e. 884 days of non-overlapping USPTO delays minus 30 days of Applicants’ delay = 854 days). Reconsideration and correction of the Patent Term Adjustment is respectfully requested.

The \$200.00 fee was paid on March 25, 2010. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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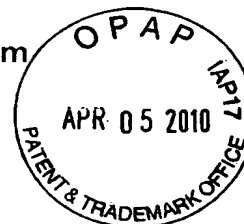
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